AMES & FROST Company

Manufacturers of

Woven Wire Mattresses

Folding Beds.

Spring Beds & Cots.

302 & 304 Wabash Ave.

CHICAGO

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WE desire to extend our thanks to the trade for their liberal patronage during the past year, and hope for its continuance. In expectation of which we have erected new buildings, giving us double the floor space that we have had. We have also added new machinery and made other extended improvements that will enable us to take care of our trade to the best possible advantage. Our arrangement with the North-Western Wire Mattress Company, of Kenosha, Wis., will remain the same, and all car loads of Straight Woven Wire Goods, Spring Beds, Canvas Cots and Hospital Beds, will be shipped from there. Smaller lots of above will be shipped from either there or here, at our option.

If required to send any of our goods to Kenosha, to be put in with car loads, they will be subject to freight in addition to quoted prices.

Again thanking you, we remain, Yours truly, AMES & FROST COMPANY.

CHICAGO, January, 1891.

SHIPPING DIRECTIONS AND TERMS.

ORDER BY NUMBER. Nos. 1 and 2 are shipped folded. All goods shipped **set up**, unless ordered K. D. Woven Wire Mattresses should be ordered in pairs to prevent damage in transit. Be sure to give sizes plainly. If you want four feet wide by six feet long, give it thus: 4—0 x 6, and never thus: 4 x 6. We ship all goods **released**, and deliver on board cars or boats in Chicago or Kenosha.

We give personal attention to obtaining low rates of freight, and to the collection of excessive charges; but do not guarantee rates, and are not responsible for over-charges, delays, damage to goods in transit, or for loss.

TERMS:—Net 30 days; Cash discount if paid within 10 days from date of invoice, as per list. POSITIVELY NO DISCOUNT AFTER TEN DAYS.

Prices subject to change without notice. We charge extra for goods over regular length. All goods guaranteed as represented.

N. B.—Our customers will please note that they **must remit** for the accounts in Chicago or New York Exchange, P. O. Money Order, or Currency by express, prepaid, **within the time specified, in order to get the discount.** We cannot conveniently draw for these ten-day accounts, unless by special request. If not paid within ten days, we shall, at the end of thirty days, draw for the full amount.

All Hospital and Asylum Beds can be supplied with supporting springs, as shown in No. 25, thus making it perfectly easy to adjust the tension of the fabric so as make it conform to the shape, condition and requirements of the occupant—a result never before obtained.

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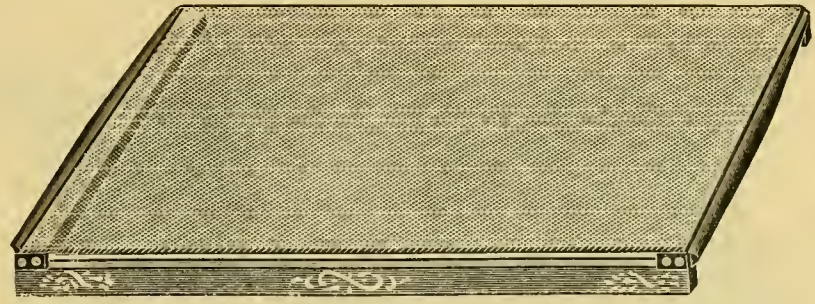

No. 10 1-2. WOVEN WIRE MATTRESS. Corded.

THE regular Standard Mattress for the million. Thick batten. Perfect tight joint between end rail and batten. Batten crowning as shown giving great strength. No putty used. A good clean Mattress.

All our woven wire Mattresses have patent end fastenings for the fabric, making it impossible for any of the wires to become loosened by any strain that will ever be put upon them. This is a feature which no other wire Mattress in the market has.

All Sizes to 4-6 x 6.....$

Over 4-6 to 4-10.....

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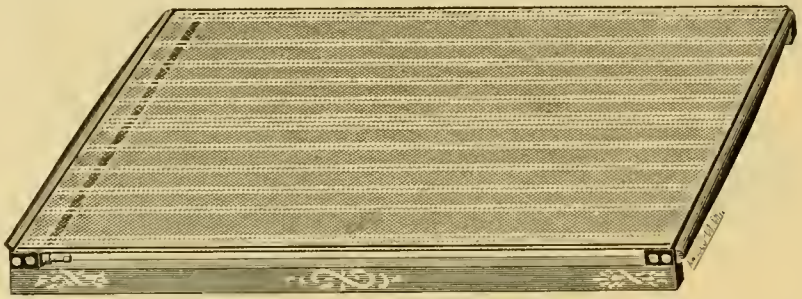

No. 14. WOVEN WIRE MATTRESS. Corded.

SAME Frame as No. 10½, with the addition of extension for tightening and a heavily corded fabric as shown. A first-class Mattress in every respect.

All Sizes to 4-6 x 6..... ....$

Over 4-6 to 4-10 ....

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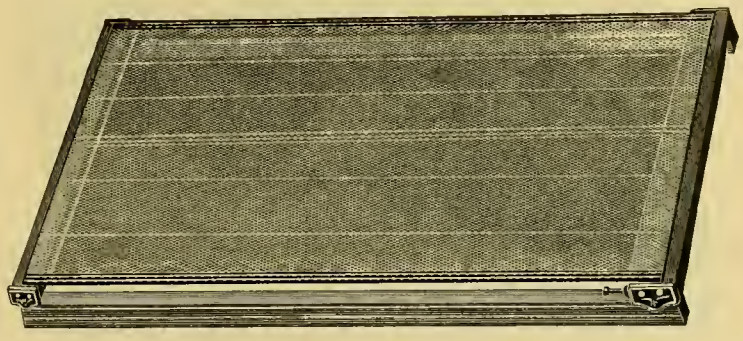
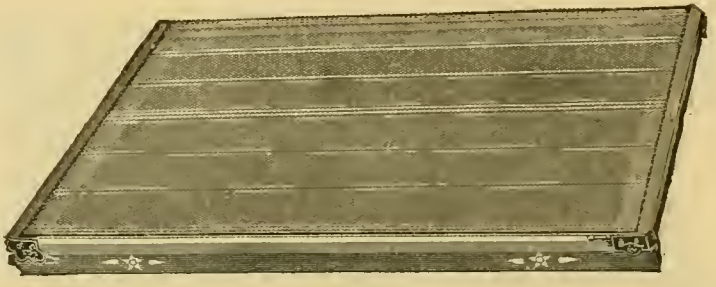


No. 15 WOVEN WIRE MATTRESS. Corded.

A New Mattress on our list, selected frame, extension, fine weave and heavily corded. Designed for those that desire something better than the No. 14, at low cost. NOTE THE PRICES.

All Sizes to 4–6 x 6... ....



NEW No. 9. Practical Adjustment.

THE ABOVE cut represents a new Mattress on our list. The frame of this bed is made from carefully selected hard maple, kiln dried and smoothly dressed; cast iron corner irons, neat in design; practical adjustment; fabric of best steel wire, with very fine weave and heavily corded as shown; contains an abundance of stock and is very elastic. Intended to supply the demand for superior goods, and will give perfect satisfaction. Note the prices.

All sizes to 4–6x6.....$

Over 4–6 to 4–10.....

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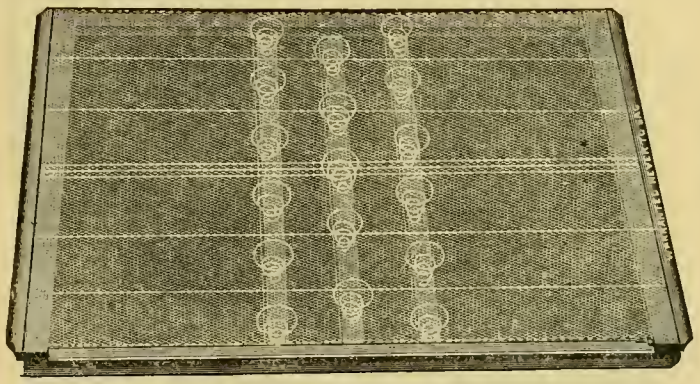

No. 4 1-2. THE SILVER LEAF MATTRESS.

THE cut shows a Combination Mattress known as the SILVER LEAF. By this combination of the wire fabric and steel coil springs, the two act together in carrying the weight, and by mutually relieving each other preserve the elasticity of both fabric and springs, and keep the Mattress always in its original position.

NOTE THE PRICES.

All sizes to 4-6 x 6, Coppered Springs.....$
Over 4-6 to 4-10, Coppered Springs.....

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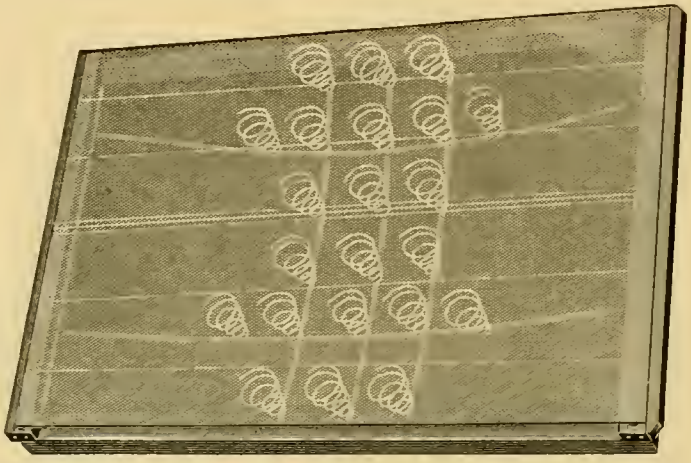

No. 6. SUPPORTED W. W. MATTRESS.

A WOVEN Wire Mattress, supported by spiral springs by means of heavy band iron attached both at the ends and sides. Good frame and fabric; Bessemer steel springs. The best supported Mattress for the money on the market.

NOTE THE PRICES.

All sizes to 4–6 x 6, Coppered Springs.....$

Over 4–6 to 4–10, Coppered Springs.....

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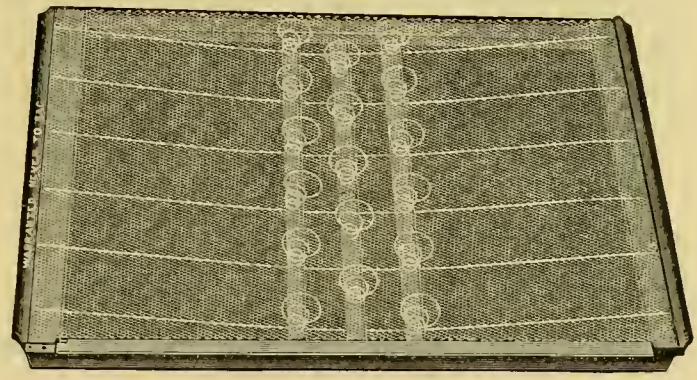

CLIMAX.

A WOVEN Wire Mattress supported by spiral springs on slats, the slats being free at the ends and resting on elastic cords made from coils of woven wire. A superior Mattress.

Prices, all sizes to 4–6 x 6..... $

Over 4–6 to 4–10..... ....

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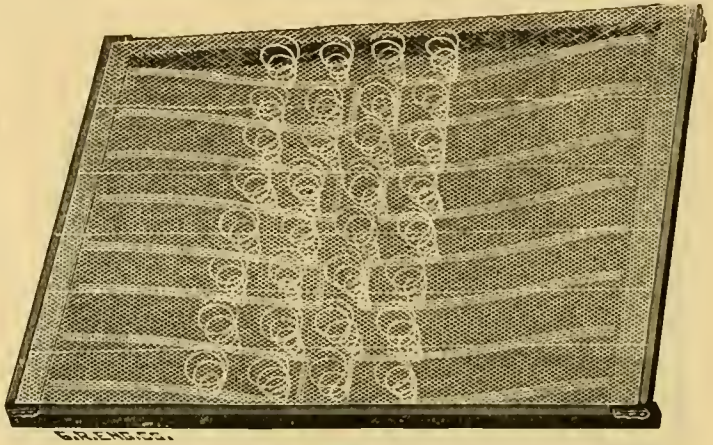

No. 25. TOP VIEW.

A WOVEN WIRE MATTRESS, SUPPORTED BY SPIRAL SPRINGS, HAVING THE FOLLOWING NEW AND PECULIAR FEATURES:

IN PLACE of the ordinary cross slats, it has a band iron support, each two pieces being yoked together as shown, this construction preventing any lateral motion. Each pair of supports are connected with the pair at the opposite end of the Mattress by a screw-thread swivel joint, as shown.

By the use of this construction a much deeper spring can be used than in the ordinary supported Mattress, hence a very much greater degree of elasticity is imparted to the supporting surface.

The tightening swivels are turned with perfect ease, no wrench nor tool of any kind being required.

To change tension, no removal of any portion of the bedding is necessary, the swivels being underneath, and easily accessible from either side.

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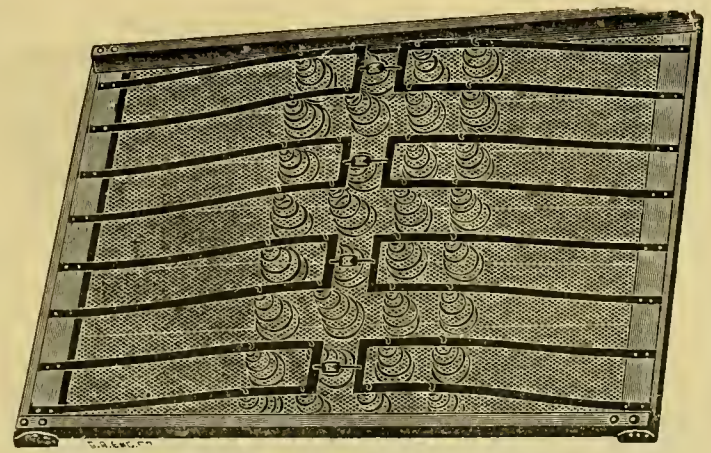

No. 25. BOTTOM VIEW.

THE springs are fastened directly to the band iron supports at the bottom, and to the fabric at the top, and cannot by any possibility get out of place unless intentionally removed. There are no hooks, links, connections, nor any other small material to break or get loose and rattle. There are no rigid edges nor uneven spots anywhere about it. Should a spring get broken it can be removed and another put in its place without difficulty. The desirable points in this construction can be seen at a glance. The adjustment is simple and perfect—any desired tension can be given to the fabric by simply turning the swivel joints. The swivels are of malleable iron, and strong enough to stand any strain that can ever possibly come upon them. Should it be desirable to adjust for occupants of different weight, it will be seen that it readily can be done. This combination Mattress is the result of much study and experiment. We believe that, as a comfortable, durable and adjustable Mattress, it is **unequaled**. It possesses all the desirable qualities, and no drawbacks. The above Bed is an experiment no longer. It has exceeded our most sanguine expectations in sales and stands without a peer among supported Beds. The No. 25 attachment of Supporting Springs can, if desired, be applied to any Hospital or Asylum Bed, thus making them the most comfortable support for the sick in existance.

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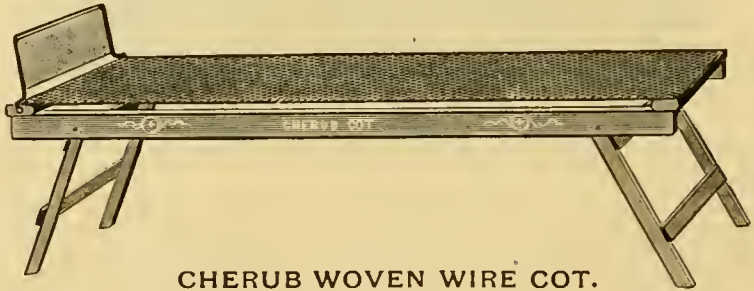
UNIVERSAL.

SO CONNECTED that the head and foot are raised by opening the legs. Very neat in construction, and is having an unprecedented sale on account of price and quality. Note the price.

Size 2-6, Varnished Frame..... $
Size 3-0, Varnished Frame.....



CHERUB WOVEN WIRE COT.

STRONG and Substantial; neat and tasteful. Full double weave. Frame painted. Intended to supply the demand for a first-class Cot, at a reasonable price.

2-6x6-2, Painted Red.....$
3-0x6-2, Painted Red.....

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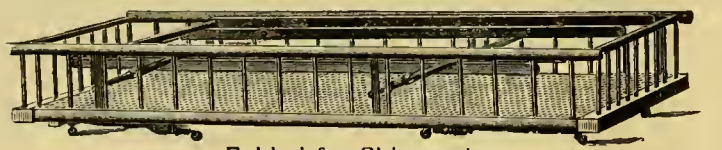
Raised Ready for use.

WEIGHS BUT TWENTY POUNDS.
FINISHED IN WALNUT, MAHOGANY AND MAPLE.

Set Up.

WITH FOLDING SIDE, AS SHOWN.



Folded for Shipment.

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CRIB.

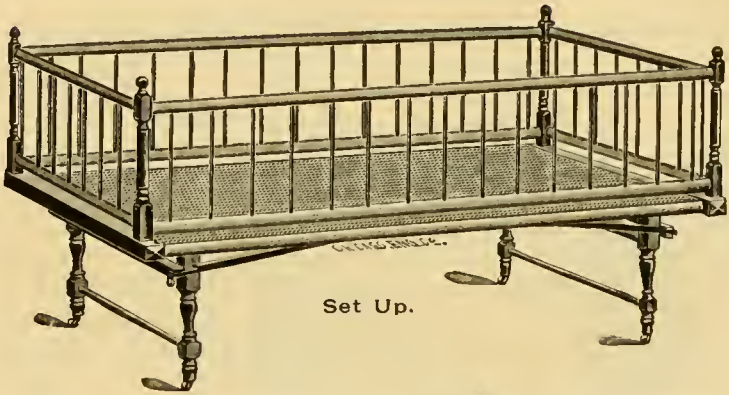
THIS CRIB is supplied with our adjustable brace, which gives it a RIGID LEG WHEN RAISED, and being mounted on casters, can be readily moved about without falling down.

We furnish the folding top when desired. It is a very simple arrangement, there being no hooks or spring catches to unfasten, and folds upon the inside of the Cot, so that it may be rolled under an ordinary bedstead without removing the bedding from the Crib. They are substantially made, the castings being made of malleable iron, and where an extra high side is wanted, makes the neatest, best and most practical side in the market. This side is so constructed that it may be easily attached to any of our Cribs.

MADE IN THE FOLLOWING NUMBERS AND SIZES:

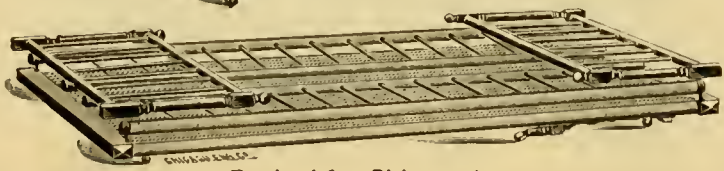
No. 301,	Plain,	30x54....$	With Folding Top....$		
No. 302,	"	40x54....	"	"	" ....
No. 303.	"	30x64....	"	"	" ....
No. 304,	"	40x64 ...	"	"	" ....

ALWAYS SPECIFY WHETHER PLAIN OR FOLDING TOP IS WANTED. UNLESS OTHERWISE ORDERED THE PLAIN CRIB WILL BE SHIPPED.



Set Up.

Side Dropped Down.



Packed for Shipment.

CRIB.

HAS folding sides and ends, so arranged that one side can be folded outwardly if desired. Connections strong and convenient. Legs rigidly secured by Adjustable Brace. Made from kiln-dried Hard Maple. Supplied with a steel woven wire Mattress. Ships compactly packed as shown. Very desirable in all respects.

PRICES.

No. 305, Drop Side, 30x54..... ...$
No. 306, " " 40x60.....

FINISHED IN NATURAL MAPLE, MAHOGANY OR WALNUT.

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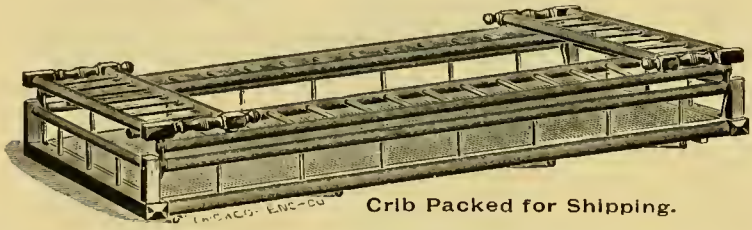
Crib, Raised for Use.

One Side Lowered, as Shown.



Crib Packed for Shipping.

A NEW Crib on our list, handsome in design and finish, sides fold in or out, as desired and has a double side, which contains the bedding when folded. All castings malleable Iron, Frame Hard Maple, fabric woven wire and supplied with our patent adjustable brace for legs. Finished in Natural Maple, Mahogany and Walnut. NOTE THE PRICES.

No. 307. Raised Drop Side, 30x54 .....$

No. 308. Raised Drop Side, 40x60.....

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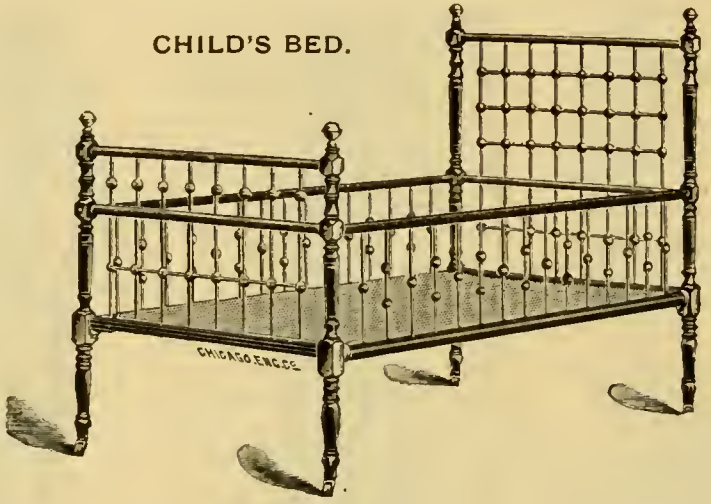
CHILD'S BED.



ENTIRELY new in style. Neat, tasteful and substantial in construction. Supplied with steel wire Mattress—brass trimmings. An ornament to any room. Folds for shipping into package 4½ inches thick. Maple Cribs finished light, Mahogany, Walnut and Oak Cribs in Antique.

There is a well defined demand for a bed of this style, which our sales of the past year clearly show. They find a ready sale.

No. 309.	2-6 x 5-0, Maple.....$	No. 309.	Oak.....$
No. 310.	3-4 x 5-0, Maple.....	No. 310.	Oak.....

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CRADLE No. 311. The Best. Patented April 14, 1885. Size of Basket, 20x36 inches; 12 inches deep. Weight 14 pounds. Basket hung on four suspending rods; impossible to tip or cant sideways. Glide motion instead of a rock or swing—mounted on wheels. Fine woven steel wire bottom. Finely finished in Mahogany, Walnut and Maple.

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CRADLE No. 312. Size of Basket, 20x36 inches; 12 inches deep Weight, 14 pounds Hammock Cradle is furnished with a fine woven steel wire bottom—mounted on wheels—canopy supporter. THE BEST HAMMOCK CRADLE in the market. Nicely finished in Mahogany, Walnut and Maple. Will nest for shipment.

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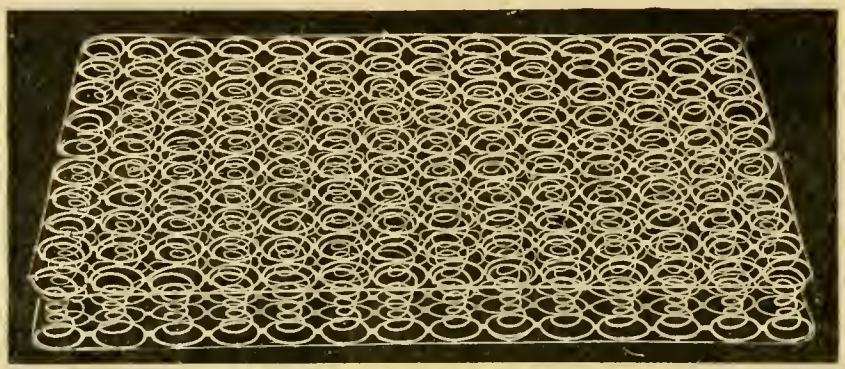
COMFORTABLE.



DURABLE.

LEAVE ALL SLATS IN BEDSTEAD. **No. 1.** A FULL SIZE HAS 140 SPRINGS.

All sizes to 4-6 x 6..... ....$ Over 4-6 x 6..... ...$

NOTICE: We desire to call especial attention of the trade to the cut shown on this page. It is made entirely from double cone springs, standing close together, connected by broad steel clasps of great strength and folding in the center. The top and bottom surfaces are alike. This bed is elastic and yielding in all its parts, conforming perfectly to the form and weight of the person lying upon it, and is at the same time, from its simplicity of construction, of great durability. The Bed is no longer an experiment but an assured success. The principle is well known and has always been recognized as the true one upon which to construct the most luxurious couch known. We have made extensive preparations for the manufacture of this spring, and it is having a TREMENDOUS SALE. Send us a sample order. They sell at sight.

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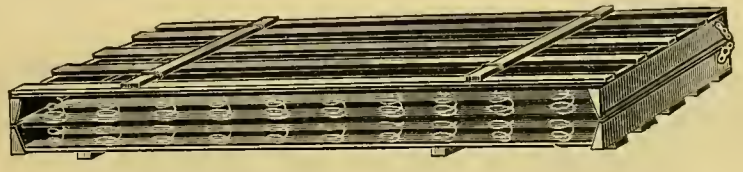
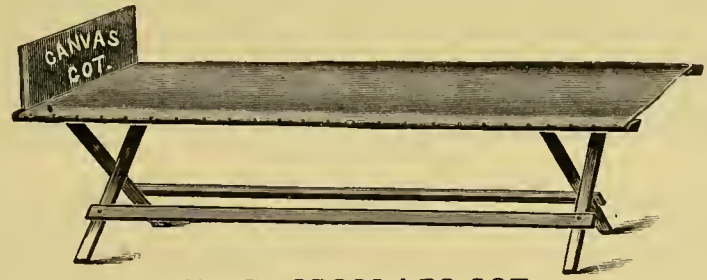


No. 2. FOLDING SPRING.

A SUPERIOR BED. Hardwood ends; malleable iron hinges; band iron on sides. Folds in center as shown. None better in market.

Prices, all sizes to 4-6, eight sections....$; nine sections....$; ten sections....$



No. 5. CROSS-LEG COT.

Maple frame; heavy duck; very strong and substantial throughout.

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(COT WHEN FOLDED.)

THE CHAMPION Canvas Cot is not offered to the trade merely as a first-class Cot, but as one that surpasses all others, which we will guarantee strong and substantial, light and easily operated, easy and comfortable, and compact and requiring but little room when folded. This Cot has also an AUTOMATIC BOLSTER SUPPORT, which adds one-half to the value of the Cot, saving a great deal of time and annoyance to the user. They are unsurpassed for the use of watering places and summer resorts, also for camping-out parties, as they cost but a trifle and are so handy and convenient. We deem it sufficient to say that every Cot is made of the best hardwood, with coppered Bessemer steel braces, and the bolster is supported by steel springs. We employ none but the best skilled workmen in the manufacture of them, and each Cot is carefully and nicely finished. The working principles are so simple that it is next to impossible for them to break or get out of order. We guarantee them to operate quicker and easier than any other Cot.

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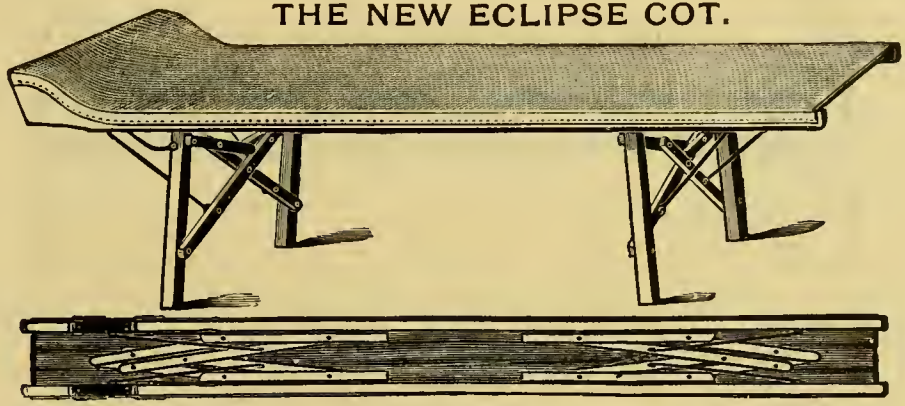
THE NEW ECLIPSE COT.



(COT WHEN FOLDED.)

THE above cut represents the latest improved Folding Cot known to the trade, and we present the NEW ECLIPSE CANVAS COT to our patrons and the trade generally as an article of comfort, neatness, strength and simplicity. Aside from head rest, construction same as Champion. The New Eclipse is constructed with the latest improved head rest or pillow, which is in itself a most valuable feature, forming as it does a perfect rest or pillow for the head. This style of head rest is preferred by many over that shown in the Champion.

For camping parties, hotels, resorts, watering places, or private use, the New Eclipse is unsurpassed. Give us a trial order for this Cot, and you will be fully convinced of its merits and assured that it is the very best in all respects.

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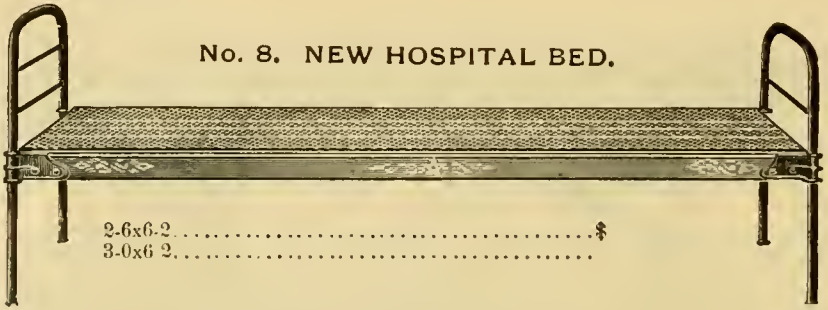
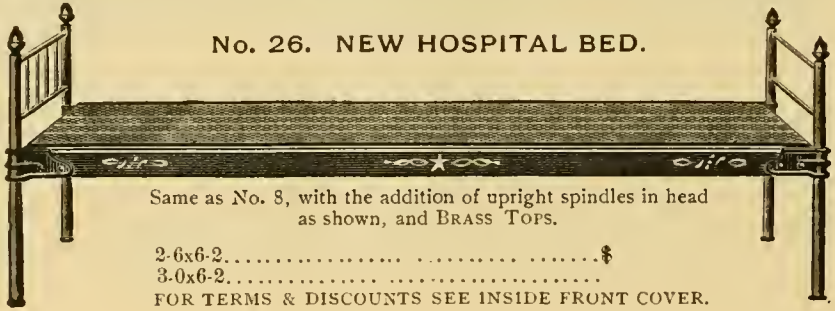
No. 8. NEW HOSPITAL BED.



2-6x6-2.....$
3-0x6-2.....

DOUBLE WEAVE. Wood frame; gas pipe legs. Mattress can be raised or lowered at will. Legs removable. Painted blue and stenciled in bronze. Light, but well and strongly made. Intended for one person. Neatest and most desirable Hotel, Office and Servant Bed in the Market.

No. 26. NEW HOSPITAL BED.



Same as No. 8, with the addition of upright spindles in head as shown, and BRASS TOPS.

2-6x6-2.....$
3-0x6-2.....

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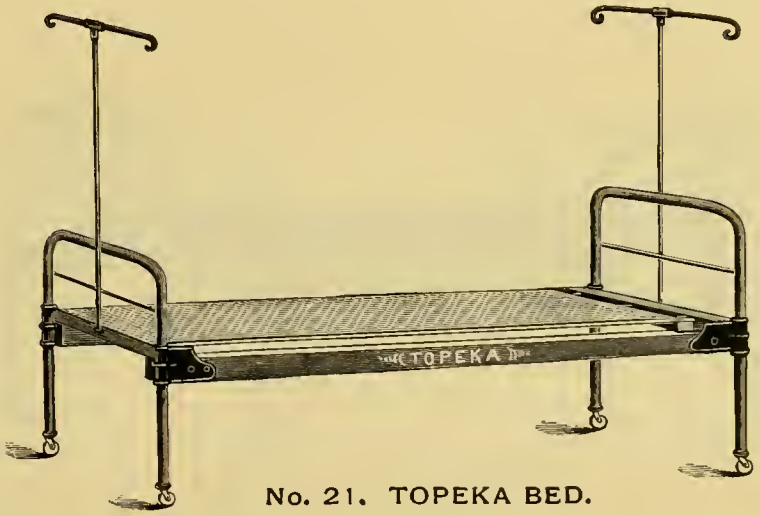
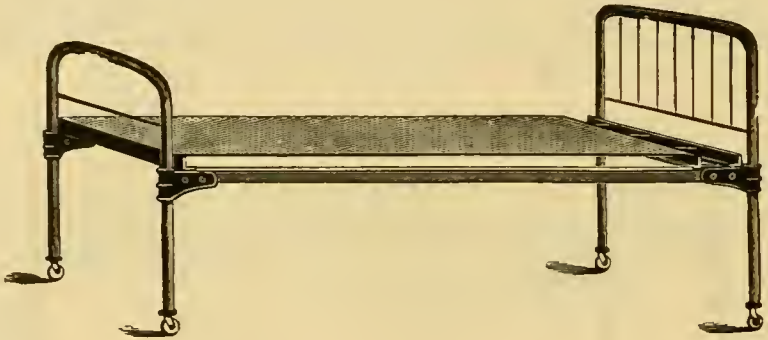


No. 21. TOPEKA BED.

FABRIC, WOVEN WIRE. Frame, wood, with double end and extending bolts as shown. Legs, wrought iron pipe. Cross rods milled and securely riveted. Legs pass through corner castings. Mattress can be raised or lowered at will. With or without canopy. Wood varnished, iron japanned, projections bronzed. PRICES UPON APPLICATION.



No. 22. ALL IRON BED.

FABRIC, WOVEN WIRE. Frame, angle steel. Same adjustment as in Topeka Bed. Legs, wrought iron pipe. Cross rods and spindles milled and **securely** riveted. Mattress can be raised or lowered at will. Iron japanned, projections bronzed.

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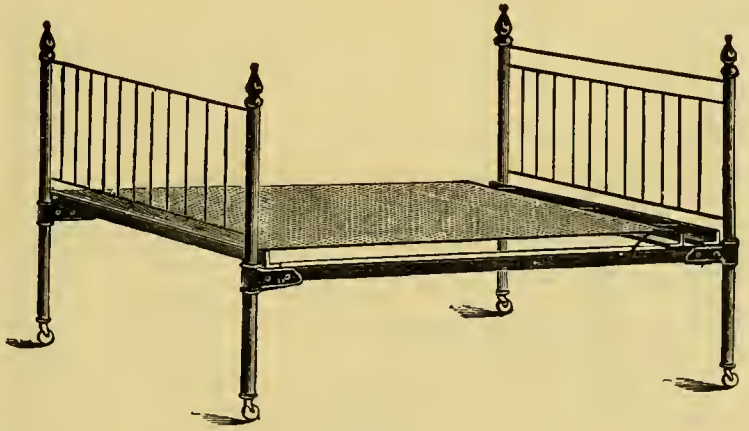


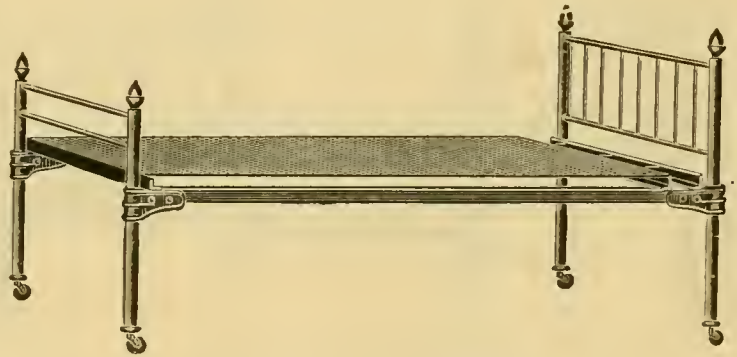
No. 23. BRASS TOP BED.

AN ELEGANT BED. Fabric of woven wire. Frame of angle steel. Legs, wrought iron pipe, surmounted by polished brass ornaments. Same extension as in Topeka Bed. Cross rods and spindles milled and **securely** riveted. Iron japanned, projections bronzed. Nos. 8, 21, 22, 23, 24, 26 and 27 can be painted red, blue, green or brown, as desired, when ordered in sufficient quantities. Above numbers shipped with legs removed and packed.

PRICES UPON APPLICATION.

Nos. 8, 21, 22, 23, 24, 26 and 27 are in use in

HOSPITALS,
ASYLUMS,
MILITARY ACADEMIES,
TRAINING SCHOOLS,



COLLEGES,
SEMINARIES,
CONVENTS,
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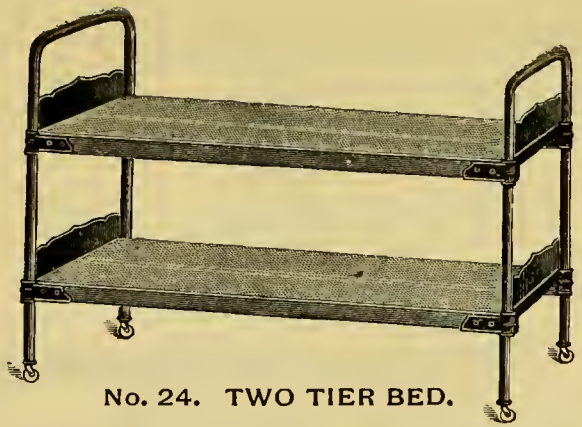
and in many other places where great strength and neatness of construction are required.

No. 27. ALL IRON BED.

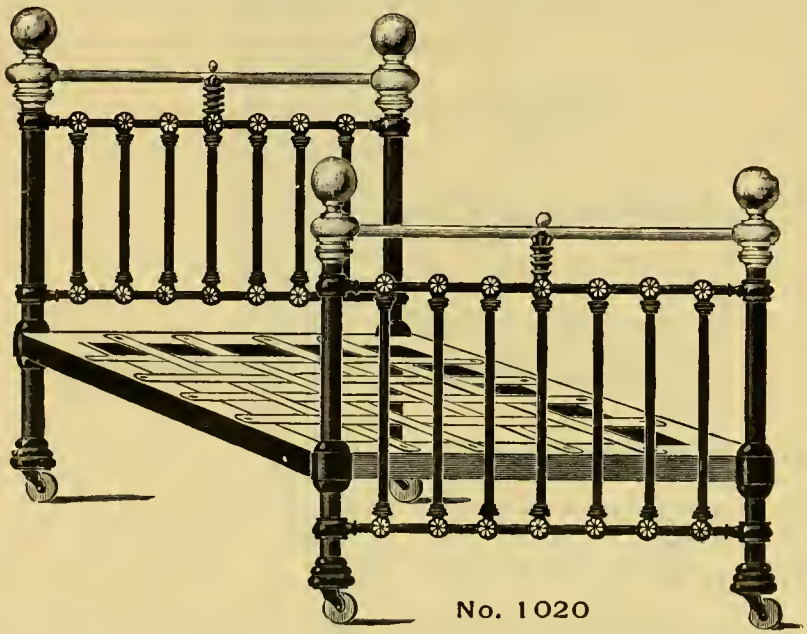
FABRIC, WOVEN WIRE. Frame, angle steel. Same adjustment as in Topeka Bed. Legs, wrought iron pipe, brass ornaments on top. Cross rods and spindles milled and securely riveted. Mattress can be raised or lowered at will. Iron japanned, projections bronzed.

PRICES UPON APPLICATION.



No. 24. TWO TIER BED.

FABRIC, WOVEN WIRE. Frame, wood. Legs, wrought iron pipe, bent as shown. Mattresses can be raised or lowered at will. Wood varnished, iron japanned, and projections bronzed. PRICES UPON APPLICATION.



No. 1020

Made with 1-inch and 1¼-inch posts. Size 3-6 x 6 6 and 4-6 x 6-6, and with or without canopy top. Brass Ornaments.

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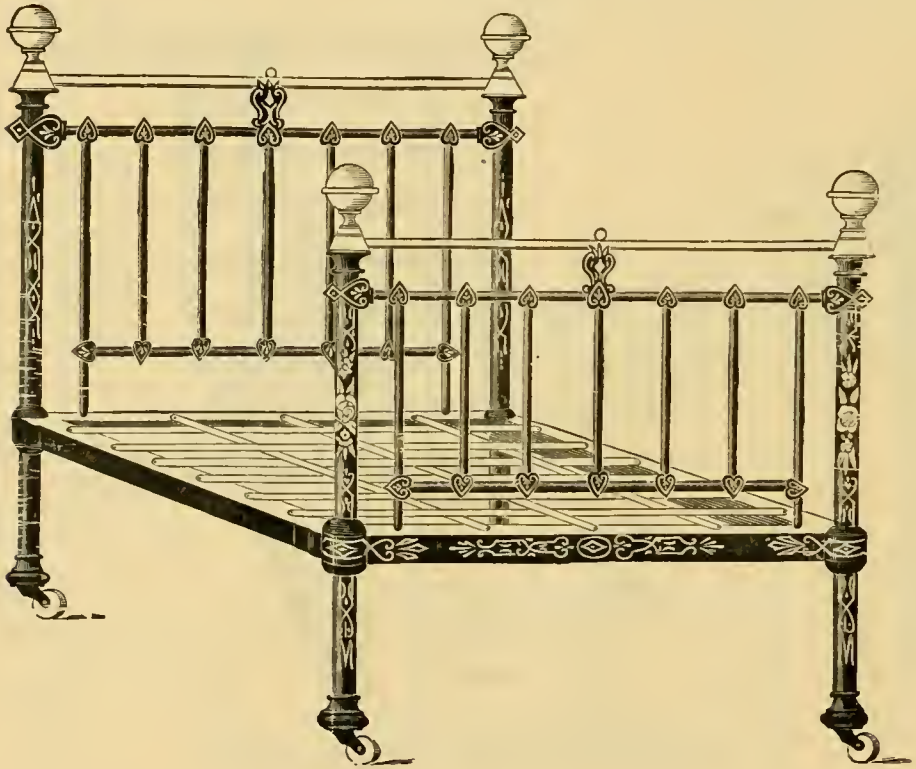

No. 1010.

Made with $\frac{7}{8}$ and 1-inch posts and in following sizes:

3-0 x 6-6... .....$

3-6 x 6-6.....

4-0 x 6-6.....

4-6 x 6-6.....

BRASS ORNAMENTS.

Very Strong and Substantial.

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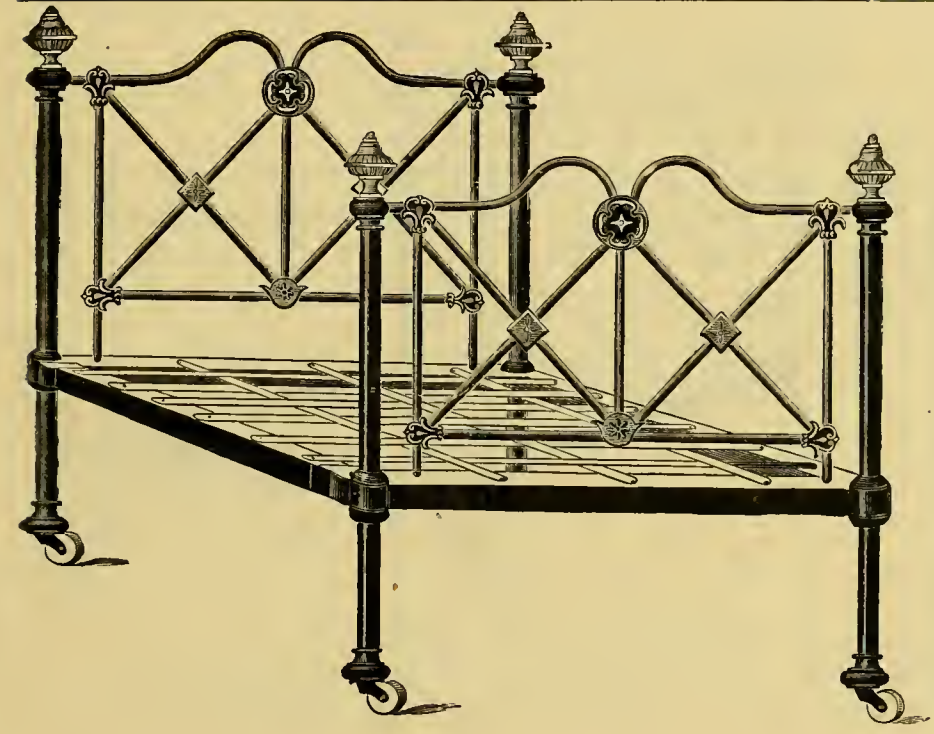

No. 1000.

Made with $\frac{3}{4}$, $\frac{7}{8}$ and 1-inch posts and in following sizes:

3-0 x 6-6.....$

3-6 x 6-6..... ..

4-0 x 6-6 .....

4-6 x 6-6.....

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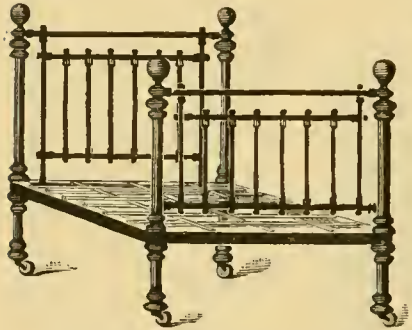

No. 1030. BRASS BED.

Upright Posts 1-inch.

Made in following sizes, 3–0 x 6–6; 3–6 x 6–6; 4–0 x 6–6; 4–6 x 6–6.

ALL BRASS AND VERY HANDSOME.

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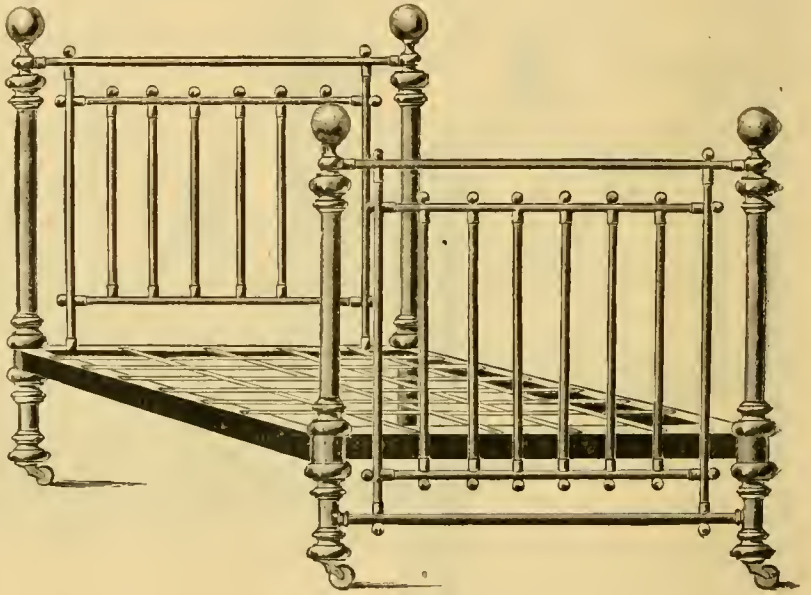

No. 1040. BED.

ALL BRASS—Posts 1 or 1¼-inch. With or without canopy top.

Sizes: 3–2 x 6–6; 3–6 x 6–6; 4–2 x 6–6; 4–6 x 6–6.

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To Our Patrons.

REALIZING the fact that there is a demand for a first-class Bicycle at a reasonable price, and believing that such AN ARTICLE will find a ready sale, we have decided to engage in the manufacture of A LINE OF WHEELS, and show herein as much as our limited space will permit, and point with pride to them as the BEST WHEELS on the market for the money, and a better one than is usually sold at a much higher price. We have spared neither time nor expense in making these wheels all that a first-class article should be, using nothing but the BEST in the way of material, workmanship and finish.

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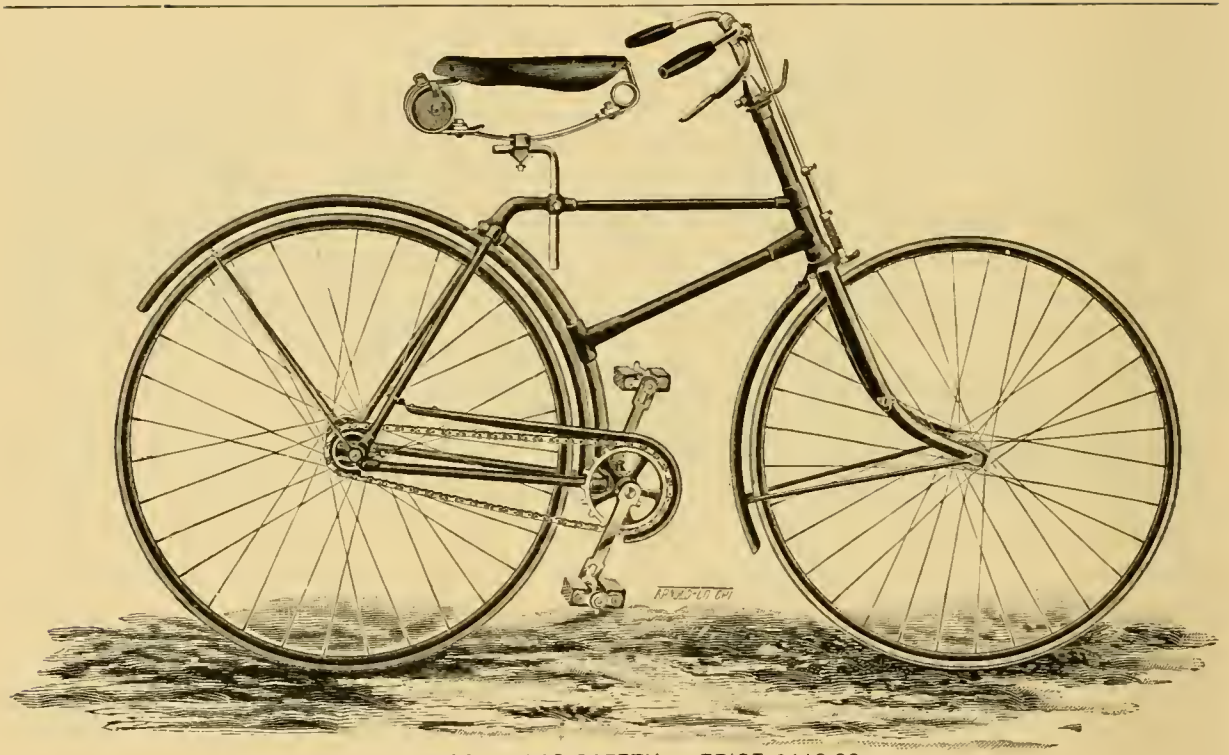

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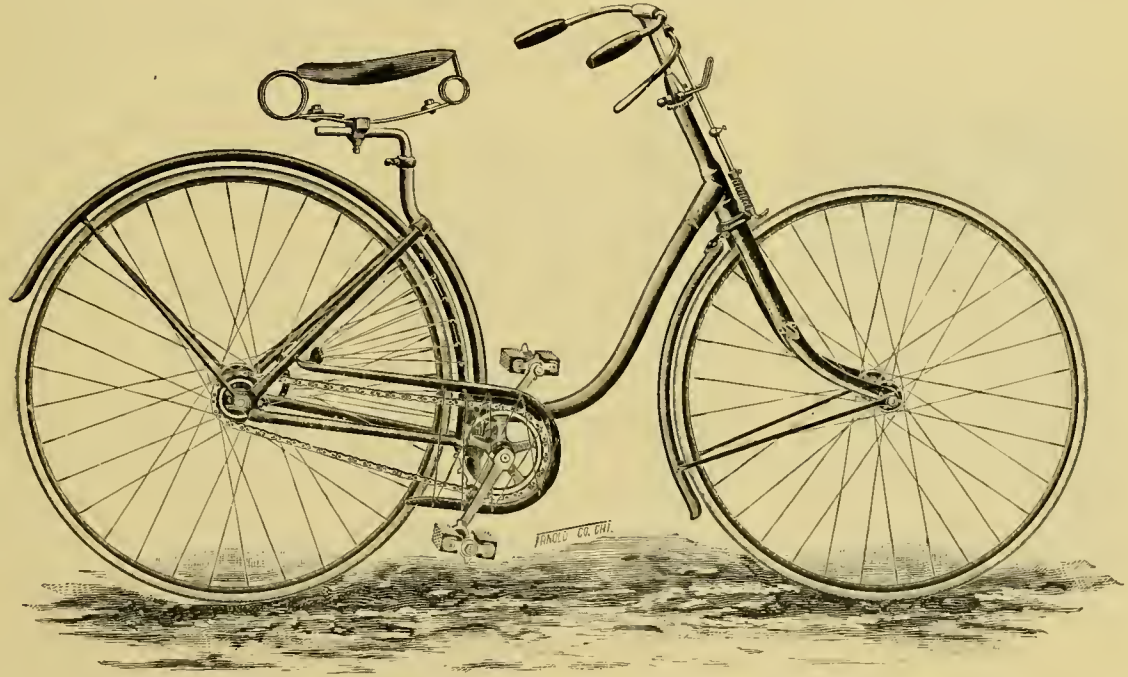

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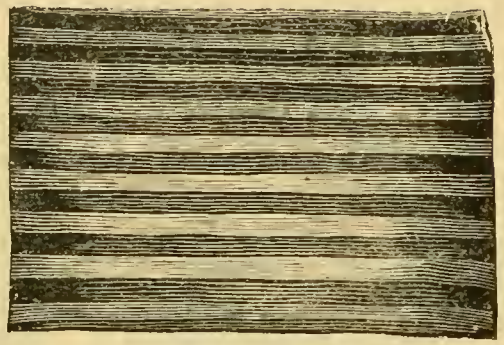

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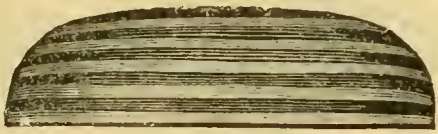

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